

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.
Act 258 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1489

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5 By: Representatives Cooper, Cheatham, Everett, Flowers, Glidewell, Hardwick, Shelby, Woods
6 By: Senator Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DOG
11 ATTACK; TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE
12 GENERAL PUBLIC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DOG
16 ATTACK AND TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND
17 SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 62, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 5-62-125. Unlawful dog attack.

25 (a) A person commits the offense of unlawful dog attack if:

26 (1) The person owns a dog that the person knows or has reason to
27 know has a propensity to attack, cause injury, or endanger the safety of
28 other persons without provocation;

29 (2) The person negligently allows the dog to attack another
30 person; and

31 (3) The attack causes the death of or serious physical injury to
32 the person attacked.

33 (b) The offense of unlawful dog attack is a Class A misdemeanor.

34 (c) In addition to any penalty imposed under this section, the court or jury
35 may require the defendant to pay restitution under § 5-4-205 for any medical



1 bills of the person attacked for injuries caused by the attack
2 3/9/2007

APPROVED: